

# CORRESPONDENCE

## FROM McKESPORT

Pennsylvania Man Wants on The Menace. Filing Line—Writes a Good Letter.

Editor The Menace:

I've been in the Filing Line and, with others, for a few days in the right direction. I am a reader of your valuable paper, and am doing all I can to help it along in its great mission. May God bless and protect you. We need more men like you in the world today. Men who dare to be a "Daniel" dare to stand alone. I have no use for the Catholic church in its darkness, but have Catholic friends whom I love dearly, and only wish that their blind eyes were open, their deaf ears unstopped, and that they had the light and knowledge which their church denies them. I wouldn't dare hand The Menace to some of these friends; however, I have talked with two on the subject, and gave them your paper. One endorsed The Menace heartily, and said every word it printed was true; that he was born and raised a Roman Catholic, but that he had at different times been in a position to see and find out for himself a whole lot which had opened his eyes and shattered his faith in the Catholic church and its priesthood; that the Catholic church is an institution of graft and its priests are grafters. Says he reads and thinks for himself and finds that the Catholic church is not following the teachings of the scriptures. My other Catholic friend said that the Catholic church did not allow them to read the Bible, that the only guide they had was their prayer book and what the priest told them.

Haven't you enough gray matter in that cranium of yours to read, think and decide for yourself, without being dictated to by a pope or priest as to what you shall read, think or do? Of course you have. I say this to you in all kindness. Ask your Catholic brothers and sisters in France, Italy, Portugal and the now tottering Spain, why they rebelled against the power of the pope and the yoke of Rome. And, again, why did Falco, before leaving for Rome, issue a circular letter to all Catholic churches in which he says: "On account of the many complaints coming in, the collecting of money at the church door for masses, etc., must cease."

Does this not show that there is something wrong, that the people are getting their eyes open, and the Holy See is uneasy. God never said that you should pay to enter his house, pay for prayers and baptism; count beads and worship images; no indeed! that's not his teachings.

I lived in a town where the Catholic church opposed the reading of the Bible and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer in the public schools so bitterly that the citizens called a mass meeting to settle the matter. It was settled later by a school board that ruled out the Bible to please the pope of Rome. Think of it, my Protestant brothers. Don't you think that's a step too far? Four teachers were discharged because they insisted upon reading the scriptures and repeating the Lord's Prayer; the prayer the Christ taught his disciples. What harm will the reading of God's word and the repeating of His prayer in public schools do a Catholic or any other child? This is the doing of a church claiming to be a Christian church, following in the footsteps of the meek and lowly Jesus—God for us.

I have been told that the pope ruled out of the Catholic Bible all scriptures he didn't want Catholics to read. Why? Because if they were to read all of the Bible their eyes would open, they would become wise to a lot of things they know nothing about. They would receive the light and there would be no pope. They would find that there is none Holy but God. Nor would they hold themselves aloof from Protestant churches as they do now, but would enter in with the other churches and stand shoulder to shoulder with their Protestant fellow citizens.

## WANTS TO ACT. NOW

Illinois Man is Anxious to Get Down to Business.

Editor The Menace:

I've been reading The Menace for some time and have carefully read everything that has appeared therein touching future plans for non-Catholics. The exposure of the man of sin, of Paul, is splendid, true, patriotic, Christian. But, sir, there must be something definite, tangible done to defeat the "Mother of Harlots," in the future. What shall it be—are we to just growl and growl, until the "old dragon" has us bound and on our backs, as it were? Friends, this is a

political as well as a religious question and what shall we do politically? Here is the way I see the point. Let's get a non-Catholic ticket, from present date. I'm a strong republican, but, sir, I'm ready, fully ready, to walk hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, with every patriotic American citizen who has, in his big heart, the will and courage to help down the hydra-headed monster in this great country bequeathed to us by our noble grandfathers. I am on a halfway man, my blood is red-hot, and I believe in getting together and doing something that will make them "sit up and take notice." I have written this above my signature and fear nothing in the heavens, nor on earth, except the Infinite God. Here I am fearlessly, boldly and truly yours for action.

RANDOLPH HOWERTON,  
Crest Springs, Ill.

## WHO CAN ANSWER?

Editor The Menace:

I should like to ask a few questions. If you cannot answer them, perhaps you could get some wise priest friend of yours to do so.

I am asking this favor because, I want, in my thoughts, to do the Catholic justice and I cannot know just what to think unless some things are explained to me.

1. Why are there prison bars on all of their nunneries, Houses of Good Shepherd, etc.?
2. Why do we almost never see young nuns on the street?
3. What is the definition of the word celibate?
4. When can we expect a new type of priest? He tired of the gross, padded, thick-necked, sensual, overfed, underspiritual pattern that is well high universal. I want at least one on the street cars, I feel as though I am in bad company. Will hang to a strap first.

I used to wonder how they acquired such girth and adipose, when they have numerous fast days—sometimes several in succession, but I know now. A man asked a priest if he kept the fast days. He answered that he kept them strictly.

Then how is it you appear so well-fed? The priest laid his finger on his nose and looked sagacious. "There is no mention of the nights before and after," he said.

5. Why did the highest authority in the Catholic church at Louisville, Ky., force the uncle of little Alva Kellner to call off the detective when he was about to lay hands on her murderer? And how much do you suppose will be given that janitor who was made the goat when he is pardoned out of the penitentiary?

There are some more things I should like to know, but will not trouble you further just now.

Yours for information,  
MRS. A. T. R., Cincinnati, O.

## THE BEGGING NUNS

Here they come! With almost noiseless tread they enter the office door. Two pairs of feet, two pairs of hands, two bodies draped in black, two pale faces. How we pity them! Robbed of the joys of life—home, friends and matrimony—all given up at the bidding of "the church." No, a church, a system, a business concern. Too late now to retrace the false steps! What for? The insatiable love of graft in the papacy! Poor nuns! We wish we could have warned them before the fatal step was taken which robbed them of human happiness and sometimes of their honor.

Now that they have come what do they want? Money! Money! Money! A book is thrust out containing long lists of names. The convent wants money for charity. The greatest charity would be to feed the half-starved nuns, but this would not do; it is part of the monastic system. The nuns are the greatest of all the victims of the papacy. These women are the backbone of the church of Rome, and supply the sinews for the great war against "heresy."

All this is done to enrich a certain order, in each case. We know that the nuns plead that they are collecting for the poor. We often wonder what becomes of the money. The nuns that collect it know nothing. Knowing what we do about the ways of convents, we do not believe that the poor receive more than a small proportion of the money collected for their benefit. There are several well known charitable institutions, controlled by merchants and bankers of great repute. These institutions issue annual reports, and balance sheets duly audited. We suggest that such institutions should be supported by the public, and not those conducted by the Romish priesthood and sisterhood, which are not

under official inspection or public control.

Mr. Frank Hugh O'Donnell, M. A., (Political Friends and Irish Rags, p. 23) exposes the begging letter system adopted by convents.

"I think I ought to give a specimen of the begging letters which issue in hundreds of thousands every year, in millions more probably, from the clerical and conventional establishments from one end of the country to the other. Here is a copy of an ordinary begging letter, one of hundreds which have come to me from convents and priories in Ireland. It is well worth most careful perusal and reflection, explaining as it does how deeply rooted must be the habits of mendacity which such examples spread throughout the population. I merely omit here the name of the particular convent, while preserving the original letter:

"Convent of Mercy, Ireland."

"Dear Sir:—May I ask as a great favor if you would be so very good and kind as to send us a donation in aid of our convent and good works? Owing to the enormous expense of a new addition to our convent, for which we are in debt, we are greatly in need of aid in our many very pressing wants. Knowing how very, very good you are, dear sir, I thought of writing, feeling you will not refuse us an alms in the name of the Lord Jesus for His little ones and poor, whose fervent prayers, with those of our Sisters, will be many times daily offered for God's choicest blessings for you and yours, and so all your undertakings.

"With many apologies for troubling you, dear sir, but our penitential need obliges me, and your noble mind and kind, generous heart are my encouragement and assurance it will not be in vain, especially as it is my first and last time to trespass thus, most earnestly requesting a favorable reply.

"I remain, dear sir, very sincerely yours in our Lord."

"SISTER M. MAGDALEN."

Some of the conventional establishments send their nuns round in carts collecting food stuffs from business houses. All is gnat that comes to their mill—everything they collect has a monetary value. If they only applied to Roman Catholics, we should not object, but we do object to their calling upon Protestants.

The next time they call we might wish them "Good morning."

ERNEST PHILLIPS,

Author of "Papal Merchandise."

## TEMPORAL SOVEREIGNTY

Just now the wily Jesuit is disclaiming any desire to insist upon the pope's temporal power. But what is a Jesuit's word or position worth, when by his oath he is permitted to assume any role that in his judgment will advance the interest of the Catholic church? It's not so very long ago that the question of the pope's sovereignty came up in France in respect to the display of the Vatican flag, and the whole Catholic press grew hilarious over the decision of the court that seemed to recognize the sovereignty of Pope Pius X. Germany is in diplomatic relations with the Vatican, also Turkey, Spain and others. We are assured that Falco, the papal delegate in America, has been accorded all the privileges of a foreign diplomat; that secretly he is given to understand that he has official relations with the United States representing a foreign sovereignty whose flag is recognized and whose authority is acknowledged. On the other hand Falco and the Catholic press, when asked about it, evade the question and are able to say with bland innocence: "O, no, Falco is just an apostolic delegate to the Roman Catholic church in America," which is a fact, but secretly is a lie. He is a diplomat of the Pope-King, claiming sovereignty and authority over the whole world, and subject to no mortal on earth.

Quite a modest claim, surely.

That we are not mistaken in our view of the case we quote from the Catholic Telegram, Cincinnati, Ohio. In discussing the Roosevelt incident in Rome it says:

"Pius X is King as well as Pope. Rome is his episcopal see as well as the capital city of his temporal kingdom. It is only the superior physical force of the Italian invader that prevents the papacy from protecting itself in its home city, from less majesty against its dignity as a sovereign spiritual power and as a sovereign civil power. The throne of Victor Emmanuel in Rome is a standing insult to the Pope-King; therefore, Vatican diplomacy declines to permit Catholic sovereigns to make royal visits to the Italian King in Rome."

How are you going to get around that, my good easy American citizen? How long suppose you free speech, free press, and religious liberty would exist, when America is captured and the sovereignty of the pope is let down upon American institutions?

Did you notice the phrase of the Roman Catholic editor: "The throne of Victor Emmanuel is a standing insult to the Pope-King."

Will not the American government

be a standing insult also? If not, why not?

The things that the pope objects to in Italy are the very political things that make America great. They would not Protestantism be offensive to the Catholic's notion, and to be put down, just as the Protestant missions in Rome are offensive, and only exist because Victor Emmanuel has granted religious freedom in spite of Pope Pius X's protest?

O, foolish Americans, you may encourage and nod and flourish Catholicism in your bosom, but you may be sure she is a devourer of nations—"the old serpent," that will fatten on the blood of a confiding people.

## STEALING WATER

In Pittsburg, Pa., the Roman Catholics have secured an ordinance exempting the parochial schools and buildings connected with them from water tax, while the public schools have the tax to pay.

Of course, the mayor is a Romanist and has probably given his consent to this deal. What else could you expect? What is the school board of Pittsburg doing, that it does not ask for free water?

What are the patrons of the public schools doing about it? A nice Catholic graft.

But just wait until the Romanists secure complete control of affairs in the state and nation, then to be a Romanist and kiss the pope's toe will secure special tax favors in other directions besides water.

These Holy Names, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Eucharist Societies have no scruples about taking water from the people for their parochial mind-darkening institutions. No wonder Pittsburg, Pa., has graft scandals, big and little.

## IS THERE NO PERIL?

The following extract is taken from James M. King's book, "Facing the Twentieth Century." He grows eloquent when told by compromising citizens, unscrupulous politicians, that he is an alarmist.

No one who would be posted on the politico-ecclesiastical Romanism in America will fail to get this book. It is full of reliable data, of political intrigue, and Jesuitical bartering and bartering.

The book will astonish the reader who will learn of facts that will put the blush of shame on a patriot's cheek. Listen to this:

"No peril, to the coming citizenship and to the republic under such educational influences, when loyalty to republican institutions is the only security for the perpetuation of liberty, and when we are boldly confronted by a power that has for centuries proved to be a politico-ecclesiastical conspirator against the liberties of mankind?"

"No peril, to multitudes of American youth, when the changeless Jesuits control the pope, and teach that he is infallible, and that he has the absolute right to demand the obedience of all citizens and civil powers?"

"No peril, when a Roman archbishop announces that he and his brethren hold the balance of power in Canada, and through it have controlled the elections and asserts that, by a similar use of the balance of power, presidential elections will be decided in this republic?"

"No peril, when in national elections the states are so evenly balanced that a command from a Roman pope or Roman American cardinal prince can order Roman legions, the subjects of a foreign ruler, in sufficient numbers to march to the polls and determine one way or the other the most momentous issues?"

"No peril, when members of constitutional conventions and the people's legislators in nation and state are called or terrorized into action opposed to their convictions by corrupt nominating and platform-making conventions of the great national political parties can be induced, either by the influence of political representatives of a religious sect, or by the blandishments of a single priestly political wire-puller, to barter the assertion of righteous principle for an ignis fatuus of undeliverable votes?"

"No peril, when an honestly and truthfully spoken alliteration, in which the word Romanism appears in its legitimate place in a clerical Baptist sandwich, can determine who shall be the president of the great republic?"

"No peril, when in many of the states and municipalities this foreign political power has such domination that, for the support of its schools and other institutions where youth is trained, its sleepless and greedy managers thrust their arms elbow-deep into the public treasuries?"

"No peril, when 'political damnation' is openly threatened by this power against citizens who dare oppose its un-American demands and aggressions?"

"No peril, when Jesuit teachers say, 'a slave state in the church,' in ears that are not permitted to hear the American doctrine of 'a free church in a free state'?"

"No peril, when the secular press seems to be largely under Jesuitical censorship, and is, because of political considerations, afraid to warn the people of dangers from a power that has enslaved the intellect and conscience of man in every land?"

"No peril, when American citizens are summoned to Rome to answer for the crime of loyalty to American institutions?"

"No peril, when the papal dictator of over nine millions of our population declares that 'all Catholic teachers should do all in their power to cause the constitutions of states, and legislation, to be modeled on the principles of the church,' and that 'all Catholic writers and journalists should never for an instant lose sight of this prescription'?"

"No peril, when already throughout

the land millions of dollars are annually paid from public funds for sectarian purposes and sectarian teaching, furnishing the beginnings of a courtship designed to end in the marriage of the church and state, and the church in question teaching disloyalty to the state it would wed?"

"No peril, will menace American institutions when all citizens who enjoy our civil and religious liberties in theory and practice conduct themselves as Americans?"

All the things referred to in the above paragraphs are clearly stated in the body of this noble book.

## PRIEST FACES TRIAL

Admits Having Slugged Boy with Whip for Being Late to Mass.

From Milwaukee Daily News, November 24.

Because the boy had been late for mass that morning, the Rev. Malheur Novak, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's church, forced John Stolz, 12 years old, to kneel before a chair while he struck him three times with a whip.

"It is a very grave fault for the children to come late to mass," the Rev. Mr. Novak said in district court yesterday afternoon, while on trial on an assault and battery charge. "It is customary for me to inflict punishment on the children when they are not prompt and regular in attendance."

Charge is Reduced.

The original charge against the priest, that of assault with intent to do "great bodily harm," had been changed to read assault and battery, an offense not so severe, calling for a fine of from \$1 to \$100 upon conviction.

Dr. F. N. Sauer, the first witness called, told of being called to the home of the Stolz family, 1030 Seventh avenue, after the alleged attack on the lad on Sept. 11.

"The boy's knee was badly swollen and the leg stiff," the physician said. "It would be impossible to say at this time whether the injury will be permanent or not. The knee is now encased in a plaster cast. The boy walked with great difficulty, and should be given a crutch, but the family is too poor to buy one for him."

Then the boy himself was called to the stand and told his story. He said the priest had struck him with a whip across the knees, and that immediately afterwards he was compelled to remain in a kneeling position for a long time.

Then a pain and swelling developed and the joints began to become enlarged. On reaching home he said, the pain became so intense he could not walk, and then the leg became stiff.

Reitman and Priest Clash.

During the cross examination of Dr. Sauer by the defendant's attorney, the physician became angered at the repeated interruptions made and exclaimed:

"Don't you poke your finger at me when asking questions. I won't stand for it."

While the case was being conducted by Asst. Dist. Atty. Leo Reitman, the Rev. Mr. Novak, seated near his attorney, would, from time to time, throw back his head and laugh gleefully, as though some of the questions struck him as being particularly funny.

This conduct aroused the prosecuting attorney to vent some severe expressions upon the priest, whereupon the priest's counsel arose and demanded protection from the court for his client.

Again on the witness stand, Attorney Reitman and the Rev. Mr. Novak clashed several times, the latter becoming much excited, as the attorney fired one question after another at him rapidly.

At the close of the testimony, Judge Neelen took the case under advisement until Dec. 20, for the reason that it will not be until about that time when the cast shall have been removed from the boy's knee and the physician able to state positively the extent of the injury, whether it will be permanent or not.

It will be remembered that The Menace gave publicity to the crime of this priest several weeks ago, and the trial here referred to is the sequel.—Ed.]

## A PURE DESPOTISM

"The Question of Romanism," a book by J. B. Bruner, was published in 1880 and in the preface the author says:

"The present church or corporation of Rome is less than one thousand years old. It is pure despotism protected for the political conquest of the Western or European world and eventually the entire earth, through its method of subjugation of the intellect of man and forced unquestioning obedience."

"As our politicians are surrendering our most sacred institutions which are devoted to the mental, spiritual and physical development of the nation, to this corporation of foreigners who are not and never can become American citizens, their relation to the republic should be thoroughly understood. There never was a period in the history of this United States which called for greater statesmanship and truer patriotism than the present. The very air is laden with poison for the future of the republic as the fangs of a serpent."

"The difficulty I encountered in getting authentic, modern history; the cringing fear expressed, when questioned, by those born into the Romish system but who have renounced it; proved the immediate necessity for a concise, reliable, and up-to-date history of Romanism."

Twenty-one years before the above was penned the ex-priest Father Chiquay wrote:

"Romanism and liberty cannot live on the same ground."

"Americans, you are sleeping on a volcano and you know it not!"

The need of the hour is calm, candid, impartial investigation of Romanism.

## CONSIDERING NE TEMERA

London, Nov. 11.—A big meeting held Wednesday night condemned the publication of the Ne Temera decree.

Lord Knutsford said such a decree from an alien power which claimed universal right over many matters must be resisted. J. H. M. Campbell, M. P., said not only had the decree been felt here, but also had become a grave scandal in Canada, where matters were becoming so acute that Protestant Canadians were determined to stamp it out.

"There is a deliberate conspiracy to put this insolent, arrogant decree all over the world," he said. "Did anyone imagine that Gladstone or Salisbury would have stood the decree for five minutes?"

## CATHOLIC DOGMA

"Nationalities must be subordinated to religion, and we must learn that we are Catholics first and citizens next."

"God is above man, and the church is above state."

—Bishop Gilman, of Cleveland, O.

"There you have the Roman Catholic doctrine. It is at deadly war with republican institutions, for we say in our fundamental law that the church shall have nothing to do with the state. They must forever be kept separate."

"Roman Catholicism contends that they must not only come together, but that the relation between them must be that of master and servant. What the Catholics are aiming to do is to give us presidents and cabinets that will look to Rome for orders."

"In case there should be a conflict between the law of our land and the laws of the church, the Catholic must obey his church. Here is a clause from their canon law: 'No catha are to be kept if they are against the interests of the church.'"

—WATSON.

## A STAGE PLAY

The hierarchy, having been convicted of meddling in politics in the latest of the Indian parochial schools, and the "goods found on them," have at last discovered a "Scape Goat" in the person of Dr. Scharf.

We learn the fact from the New York Times of October 15th, and Catholic sources, that the doctor has been expelled from the Knights of Columbus on the charge that he contracted to deliver Catholic votes to congressmen and politicians. Dr. E. L. Scharf at one time was a member of the faculty of the Catholic university, and undoubtedly had the confidence and authority of the hierarchy to act in the matter of securing legislation in favor of Roman Catholic parochial schools.

These Knights have been active in politics, their appointment in Ohio and Massachusetts to places of power and influence have all conspired to fix it in the mind of the American public that the Knights of Columbus is a political organization in the latest of Rome, first last and always a nucleus of the "Clerical party" in the United States. It is the military expression of the "Standing army" of Roman Catholicism in America.

Well, its boldness and excessive activity in politics has alarmed the public, and it must need do something to throw off suspicion, and so these gallant Knights decapitated the doctor, and told him on the side: "Next time don't be caught or we will turn you out for sure(!)"

The Menace gave the inwardness of the doctor's transaction in an early number, where Mr. Scharf told Senator Bard of the political preponderance of the Roman Catholics in twenty doubtful congressional districts at the time the Indian appropriation bill pending contained a provision extending the appropriation for the Indian schools of \$200,000, and promised that these districts should be carried if the bill passed. Senator Bard refused the offer, but the hierarchy did secure the use of Indian trust funds, and politics, but the hierarchy manipulated by cunning ecclesiastics, continues to be the order of the day in Washington, but some day the politicians will learn to keep out of the papal trap.

But to think that a Knight of Columbus man should be punished for doing what the hierarchy is sworn to accomplish in America, is comedy pushed to the outer walls of a farce played in the open.

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